

*United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York*

February 26, 2020

**BY ECF**

Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Turkiye Halk Bankasi, A.S.,**  
**S6 15 Cr. 867 (RMB)**

Dear Judge Berman:

The Government writes to request an order excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, until the arraignment scheduled for March 3, 2020. The ends of justice served by the proposed exclusion outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, so that the defendant and its counsel can consult regarding the arraignment as discussed at the initial appearance on February 25, 2020. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Defense counsel was informed of this request on February 25, 2020, and we have not yet been advised whether counsel consents or objects.

Respectfully submitted,

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